

# CLASSIC OHIO DOVETAIL FOUND IN CLARK COUNTY, OHIO

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I found this Dovetail in a shop that sold various collectible items. The artifact, made of Flint Ridge flint, measures 6 3/4 inches long, making it a large example of the type.

One of the distinguishing features is the small base, also called a button base. Button Based Dovetails are limited to the Ohio area and a small part of eastern Indiana (Converse 1994:72). Provenience with this artifact revealed that it had, indeed, been found in Ohio in Clark County, near Enon Sand and Gravel in 1988.

The chip on one shoulder exhibits as much patina as the rest of the point, indicating that the break is ancient. One side of the blade is more heavily patinated than the other, possibly because one side may have lain exposed for millennia.

Converse states that Classic Ohio Small Based Dovetails are among the most impressive of all New World flint work. All Dovetails probably date to the Early Archaic Period of 7,000 years ago.

The Clark County Small Based Dovetail is shown here in full size.

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